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# Curb Of Press Creeps Up Again

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The Star's Washington BureauSputnik Warning

broke on Oct. 4 Allen was miffed at having been wrong by three days.

A news item last week reported that a few hours before Sputnik began to orbit President Eisenhower was warned by Central Intelligence Agency that Russia might launch an earth satellite "at any time."

According to the report, the prediction was made Oct. 4 in a closed meeting of the President's committee of scientists and engineers. Dr. Herbert Scoville Jr. of the CIA was identified as the man who gave the warning.

However, newspaper columnist Robert S. Allen reported July 7 an earth satellite would be circling earth "by the first of October." Allen added that it might be a Soviet moonlet.

When news of the Sputnik

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